

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 2 and 3 are amended.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A tool for piercing nuts, comprising a die part and a punch part and a piercing nut feeder incorporated into the punch part and adapted to feed piercing nuts into a piercing nut holder in the punch part so that said nuts, when the punch part is pressed against the die part by a press, are to punch holes in and be attached to a metal sheet inserted between the punch part and the die part, ~~c h a r a c t e r i s e d~~ in that a gas spring (3) is arranged between the press and the punch part, said gas spring (3) having at least one cylinder (5-7) and a piston (8-10) which is movably arranged in said cylinder (5-7) and which is aligned with the press, the pressure in the cylinder (5-7) being settable for adjusting the pressure exerted upon the piercing nut by the punch part.

2. (Currently Amended) A tool for piercing nuts as claimed in claim 1, ~~e-h-a-r-a~~
~~e-t-e-r-i-s-e-d~~ in wherein that the gas spring (3) com- prises an odd number of, however at least three, cylinders (5-7) and associated pistons (8-10).

3. (Currently Amended) A tool for piercing nuts as claimed in claim 2, ~~e-h-a-r-a~~
~~e-t-e-r-i-s-e-d~~ in wherein that the cylinders (5-7) are connected in series.